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Provided below are my notes from today's Branch Managers meeting. There was not a Division Managers meeting this morning since Carl and Pam were out. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

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Branch Meeting Notes (01/29/2018)
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1. There will be a brief Branch meeting this Wednesday at 9:00 AM to recognize the eight January birthdays in the Branch. Snacks provided.
2. In preparation for the move planned for later this year, please continue your efforts to reduce the amount of paper records you keep on the 10th floor. Please provide me an estimate of the amount of records you have in your possession by this Friday (2/2/2018) (i.e., how many linear feet of records). The Branch has been asked to report the total to Carl next week. Please note that Nina and Sharon from Lydia's Section can assist you with in-filing.
3. The Regional Administrator Grants Mining District briefing has been moved to 2/22/2018.
4. Lydia's Section has been asked to evaluate the Nutro Company in Louisiana, as it may go out of business. Site Assessment may be asked to evaluate this site.
5. The Regional Decision Team (RDT) meeting with the States is scheduled for this Thursday (2/1/2018).
6. Please remember to take photos of site activities when you are on travel. We can use these in the Annual Report. Provide these photos to Deborah.
7. In an effort to capture the amount of time we send on FOIAs each year, a table has been added to the weekly reports to capture the time spent working on FOIAs. We just need an estimate of total time spent during the week.

Remedial Branch - Request for Assistance Opportunity

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The remedial branch as requested assistance on the new sites. Specifically, they are requesting assistance to assume the lead role for the site, with all the normal RPM responsibilities. They can arrange for an experienced RPM to assist as a resource or mentor depending on your level of experience. They are requesting assistance on the following sites:

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- American Creosote DeRidder, LA
 - River City Plating, TX

- Lane Plating, TX
- Delfasco, TX – pending proposal
- Eagle Industries, OK

Please let me know if you are interested.

- **Input provided for Regional Administrator and Weekly Activity Reporting**

- **VERMICULITE PRODUCTS SITE**: On February 7, 2018, Superfund staff will be conducting a Site Inspection (SI) reconnaissance at the Vermiculite Products site in Houston, Texas. The purpose of the reconnaissance includes identify sampling locations to determine whether hazardous substances are present, being released to the environment, and have impacted specific targets. **(Banipal, x7234)**

ZIA PUEBLO – WHITE RIDGE MESA GYPSUM MINE DUMP: On January 30, 2018, EPA Superfund and Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal and International Affairs (OEJTIA) personnel participated in a conference call with the Bureau of Land Management and Zia Pueblo representatives to discuss the White Ridge Mesa Gypsum Mine dump statement of work. In approximately 1987, Zia Pueblo authorized the operator to dispose of waste board generated from the manufacturing process in the mined out cavities. Zia Pueblo stated that in the late 1990's authorization for disposal of the manufacturing waste was repealed by the Pueblo; however the operator continued to dump. BLM stated that the intention of the statement of work was to gain a general understanding of the site and to characterize potential waste at the site. **(Banipal, x7324)**

SAN MATEO CREEK BASIN URANIUM LEGACY SITE – ACOMA AND LAGUNA PUEBLO TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Acoma and Laguna Pueblo have accepted EPA's November 17, 2017, invitation to conduct government-to-government consultation regarding legacy uranium mining impacts in the Grants Mining District, specifically within the San Mateo Creek Basin area. The initial consultation meetings are scheduled for February 27, at 1:00 PM for the Laguna Pueblo at the Laguna Governor's office and at 3:00 PM for the Acoma Pueblo at the Acoma Governor's office. The EPA anticipates proposing the San Mateo Creek Basin Uranium Legacy site to the National Priorities List in the spring of 2018. The purpose of the consultation is to provide information to the Acoma and Laguna Pueblo's leadership about the listing, to solicit input, and also to request a letter of support for the NPL proposal. **(Banipal, x7234)**

- **SAN MATEO CREEK BASIN URANIUM LEGACY SITE – FEDERAL ABANDONED URANIUM MINE (AUM) PARTNERS TELECONFERENCE**: On February 2, 2018, Superfund staff presented information regarding EPA's plans to propose the San Mateo Creek Basin Uranium Legacy site to the National Priorities List in the spring of 2018. The Federal AUM work group includes Department of Energy, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, EPA Regions 8, 9 and EPA Headquarters. **(Banipal, x7234)**

- **NATIONAL HAZARD RANKING SYSTEM (HRS) TRAINING WEBINAR**: On January 31, 2018, Superfund staff served as an instructor for a national HRS Subsurface Intrusion (SsI) Component training webinar. The intended audience for this presentation is primarily EPA Regional, state, and contractor staff with experience evaluating sites using HRS pathways and components other than the new SsI component. This training will provide an

introduction to the new SsI component and its structure, how it fits within the structure of the HRS, and explain how values are assigned to the SsI-specific factors and factor categories.
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